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Dr. R.C. Hockett
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110 East 59th Street
New York 10022
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Dear Dr. Hockett,

Thank you very much for your letter of October 18th. The Board of Studies here have agreed my application and I would therefore like you to consider the application I sent in as the final one, with two minor alterations. I would like to incorporate your suggestion in your third paragraph, i.e. insert the word "determinants" in the sentence dealing with the inheritance of the smoking habit. I would also like to add the following references to the work by Lyndon Eaves, whom I was suggesting as Consultant.

EAVES, L.J. Short Communication: The multivariate analysis of certain genotype-environment interactions. Behaviour Genetics, 1972, 2, 241-244.

" The Genetic Analysis of Continuous Variation: A comparison of experimental designs applicable to human data. II. Estimation of Heritability and comparison of environmental components. Brit. J. Math. & Stat. Psychology, 1970, 23, 189-198.

" Computer simulation of sample size and experimental design in human psychogenetics. Psychol. Bull., 1972, 77, 144-152.

If you would prefer me to re-write the application I could of course do this, and if Dr. Seltzer has to make any additional suggestions, that would of course have to be done.

As regards the timing, April 1st would serve just as well as January 1st, except for one thing. We have a grant from the Medical Research Council for twin research which is running out at the end of this year, and it would be very useful to keep one or two of the people engaged on it to

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work on this new project, in view of their familiarity with the twin register, methodology, etc. The problem could be solved, of course, if the Council could make a special interim grant of, say, £2000 to cover the cost of the two people involved until April. I don't know if this is possible but it would certainly ease some of my problems here.

The Animal Study, for which we had a special grant from the Council, has now been completely analyzed and is being written up; I will let you have a report as soon as it is finished. The results, I am afraid, are on the whole negative; this is perhaps not surprising in view of the short duration of the grant (12 months) which meant that we had to use very strong carcinogenic agents, which may have obliterated any existing differences between the strains. I would appreciate your advice on whether it would be worth while in due course to apply for a proper grant; perhaps you could form a better judgement when you have received the report.

During a recent visit to Rome as Consultant to the Italian Ministry of Education, I made contact with some people working with various types of cancer patients and managed to inaugurate a research programme similar in some ways to what I have done with Kissen, i.e. comparing the personality of cancer patients with that of controls also coming for diagnosis. This should produce some interesting results in due course.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


H.J. Eysenck

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